It is no secret that the 2016 presidential election has been one of the most unpredictable and radical elections yet; The tension between Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders and Republican candidate Donald Trump has created a lot of controversy with not only the media, but the citizens of the United States as well. Politico Magazine goes as far as to say “If this thing keeps going, we're going to see the most mind-blowing debates in the nation's history this fall.” (CITE POLITICO) So what makes Bernie Sanders or Donald Trump so much different than any other presidential candidate? One word: *radical*. The ideologies of both candidates aim to make larger changes than we are used to – or that might be out of the conform zone for some – and in a lot of cases can be considered *radical*. The ways in which Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump reflect themselves with the way the speak not only have the power to influence the election, but could also have the power to influence the world.

We have to keep in mind the word *radical* does not *necessarily* mean bad. In some cases, radical ideas can have quite a positive impact on the subject it focuses on. With those ideas come the two sides: the ones who support and the ones who oppose. In the current presidential election, those two sides can arguably be relabeled as the Republicans and the Democrats. Given that Sanders and Trump have very different ideologies – which we will dig into soon – the ones who oppose a candidate’s ideology generally with be supportive for the other. Now, it would be wrong of me to completely ignore Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton since she has been a large influence in the race, but her ideology isn’t exactly *radical* and she seems to be reflecting the ideology of our current president – Barrack Obama. Because of this, I am choosing the leave her out of the equation for now. In order to evaluate and understand how each side have been creating large amount of attention, we must first look into what each candidate represent.

Starting with the liberal side, we have the Democrat Bernie Sanders. If you were to discuss our candidate with someone, there is no doubt the word *socialism* will come up in conversation. One of his ideas is to give everyone a chance to receive college-level education regardless of their personal or family income. This focuses more for the families who cannot afford to pay for their child’s college education and forces thousands of teenagers to live and work without a valuable degree. An article from The Washington Post has an article on the topic which states:

“Today, it would take a minimum wage worker [an entire year](http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2014/04/the-myth-of-working-your-way-through-college/359735/) to earn enough to cover the annual in-state tuition at a public university. And that’s why so many bright young people don’t go to college, don’t finish or graduate deeply in debt. With [$1.3 trillion](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-08-13/borrowers-fall-further-behind-on-1-3-trillion-in-student-loans) in student loans, Americans are carrying [more](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/college-inc/post/student-loans-surpass-auto-credit-card-debt/2012/03/06/gIQARFQnuR_blog.html) student debt than credit card or auto-loan debt. That’s a tragedy for our young people and for our nation.”

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